

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
Eastern District of Virginia
Alexandria Division

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
v.

Case Number: 1:15-CR-00124-TSE-2

SOHAIB AKHTER

USM Number: 85390-083

Defendant's Attorney: Gadeir I. Abbas, Esq.

Defendant.

JUDGMENT IN A CRIMINAL CASE

The defendant pled guilty to Counts 1, 2 and 8 of the Indictment.

Accordingly, the defendant is adjudicated guilty of the following counts involving the indicated offenses.

<u>Title and Section</u>	<u>Nature of Offense</u>	<u>Offense Class</u>	<u>Offense Ended</u>	<u>Count</u>
18 U.S.C. § 1349	Conspiracy to Commit Wire Fraud	Felony	April 2015	1
18 U.S.C. § 371	Conspiracy to Access a Protected Computer without Authorization	Felony	March 2015	2
18 U.S.C. § 371	Conspiracy to Access a Government Computer without Authorization	Felony	March 2015	8

On motion of the United States, the Court has dismissed the remaining counts in the indictment (Counts 5, 6, and 11) as to defendant SOHAIB AKHTER.

As pronounced on October 2, 2015, the defendant is sentenced as provided in pages 2 through 6 of this Judgment. The sentence is imposed pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3553 and the Sentencing Reform Act of 1984.

It is ORDERED that the defendant shall notify the United States Attorney for this district within 30 days of any change of name, residence, or mailing address until all fines, restitution, costs, and special assessments imposed by this judgment are fully paid. If ordered to pay restitution, the defendant must notify the court and United States Attorney of material changes in economic circumstances.

Signed this 2nd day of October, 2015.



T. S. Ellis, III
United States District Judge

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IMPRISONMENT

The defendant is hereby committed to the custody of the United States Bureau of Prisons to be imprisoned for a term of TWENTY-FOUR (24) MONTHS on each of counts 1, 2, and 8, these terms to run concurrently with one another.

The Court makes the following recommendations to the Bureau of Prisons:

That defendant be designated to serve his sentence at a BOP facility as close as possible to the Washington, D.C. Metropolitan area in order to remain near his family.

The defendant shall surrender for service of the sentence at the institution designated by the BOP/U.S. Marshal within 100 days of the sentencing date (October 2, 2015), or as directed by the United States Probation Office.

RETURN

I have executed this judgment as follows: _____

Defendant delivered on _____ to _____
at _____, with a certified copy of this Judgment.

UNITED STATES MARSHAL

By

DEPUTY UNITED STATES MARSHAL

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SUPERVISED RELEASE

Upon release from imprisonment, the defendant shall be on supervised release for a term of THREE (3) YEARS on each of counts 1, 2, and 8, these terms to run concurrently with one another.

The Probation Office shall provide the defendant with a copy of the standard conditions and any special conditions of Supervised.

The defendant shall report to the probation office in the district to which the defendant is released within 72 hours of release from the custody of the Bureau of Prisons.

The defendant shall not commit another federal, state or local crime.

The defendant shall not unlawfully possess a controlled substance. The defendant shall refrain from any unlawful use of a controlled substance. The defendant shall submit to one drug test within 15 days of release from imprisonment and periodic drug tests thereafter, as determined by the court.

The defendant shall not possess a firearm, ammunition, destructive device, or any other dangerous weapon.

If this judgment imposes a fine or restitution obligation, it is a condition of Supervised that the defendant pay any such fine or restitution in accordance with the Schedule of Payments set forth in the Criminal Monetary Penalties sheet of this judgment.

STANDARD CONDITIONS OF SUPERVISION

The defendant shall comply with the standard conditions that have been adopted by this court set forth below:

- 1) the defendant shall not leave the judicial district without the permission of the court or probation officer;
- 2) the defendant shall report to the probation officer and shall submit a truthful and complete written report within the first five days of each month;
- 3) the defendant shall answer truthfully all inquiries by the probation officer and follow the instructions of the probation officer;
- 4) the defendant shall support his or her dependents and meet other family responsibilities;
- 5) the defendant shall work regularly at a lawful occupation, unless excused by the probation officer for schooling, training, or other acceptable reasons;
- 6) the defendant shall notify the probation officer at least ten days prior to any change in residence or employment;
- 7) the defendant shall refrain from excessive use of alcohol and shall not purchase, possess, use, distribute, or administer any narcotic or other controlled substance or any paraphernalia related to such substances, except as prescribed by a physician;
- 8) the defendant shall not frequent places where controlled substances are illegally sold, used, distributed, or administered;
- 9) the defendant shall not associate with any persons engaged in criminal activity and shall not associate with any person convicted of a felony, unless granted permission to do so by the probation officer;
- 10) the defendant shall permit a probation officer to visit him or her at any time at home or elsewhere and shall permit confiscation of any contraband observed in plain view of the probation officer;
- 11) the defendant shall notify the probation officer within seventy-two hours of being arrested or questioned by a law enforcement officer;
- 12) the defendant shall not enter into any agreement to act as an informer for a special agent of a law enforcement agency without the permission of the court;
- 13) as directed by the probation officer, the defendant shall notify third parties of risks that may be occasioned by the defendant's criminal record or personal history or characteristics and shall permit the probation officer to make such notifications and to confirm the defendant's compliance with such notification requirement.

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SPECIAL CONDITIONS OF SUPERVISION

While on Supervised pursuant to this Judgment, the defendant shall also comply with the following additional special conditions:

1. Defendant must perform sixty (60) hours of community service, as directed by the probation officer.
2. The defendant shall comply with the requirements of the computer monitoring program as administered and directed by the probation office. The defendant shall consent to the installation of computer monitoring software on any computer to which the defendant has access. Installation shall be performed by the probation officer. The software may restrict and/or record any and all activity on the computer, including the capture of keystrokes, application information, internet use history, email correspondence, and chat conversations. A notice will be placed on the computer at the time of installation to warn others of the existence of the monitoring software. The defendant shall also notify others of the existence of the monitoring software. The defendant shall not remove, tamper with, reverse engineer, or in any way circumvent the software. The costs of the monitoring shall be paid by the defendant.
3. The defendant shall not incur new credit charges or open additional lines of credit without the prior approval of the probation officer. This condition will be eliminated once restitution has been paid in full.
4. The defendant shall provide the probation officer access to any requested financial information.
5. The defendant shall apply all monies received from income tax refunds, lottery winnings, inheritances, judgments and any anticipated or unexpected financial gains, to the outstanding court-ordered financial obligation, or in a lesser amount to be determined by the court, upon the recommendation of the probation officer.
6. In the event restitution is not paid immediately, defendant must pay restitution as a special condition of supervised release at the rate of at least \$100.00 per month, beginning 60 DAYS after his release from imprisonment, with interest waived, as directed by the probation officer. The probation officer may petition the Court to increase or decrease this monthly payment amount, depending upon defendant's financial circumstances at the time of supervised release.

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CRIMINAL MONETARY PENALTIES

The defendant must pay the total criminal monetary penalties under the Schedule of Payments on Sheet 6.

	<u>Count</u>	<u>Assessment</u>	<u>Fine</u>	<u>Restitution</u>
	1	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$31,375.55
	2	\$100.00	\$0.00	SEE ABOVE
	8	\$100.00	\$0.00	SEE ABOVE
TOTALS:		\$300.00	\$0.00	\$31,375.55

FINES

No fines have been imposed in this case.

The Court does not impose any cost for prosecution, imprisonment, or supervised release, except as otherwise noted.

RESTITUTION

See attached Restitution Order filed on October 2, 2015.

The defendant is jointly and severally liable for restitution with the following co-defendants: Musaddiq Ishaq, docket no. 1:15-CR-00116-TSE-1, and Muneeb Akhter, docket no. 1:15-CR-00124-TSE-1.

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SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS

Having assessed the defendant's ability to pay, payment of the total criminal monetary penalties are due as follows:

The special assessment and restitution shall be due in full immediately.

The defendant shall forfeit the defendant's interest in the following property to the United States:

SEE Consent Order of Forfeiture entered by the Court on October 2, 2015.

The Court does not impose any cost for prosecution, imprisonment, or supervised release, except as otherwise noted.

Unless the court has expressly ordered otherwise, if this judgment imposes imprisonment, payment of criminal monetary penalties is due during imprisonment. All criminal monetary penalties, except those payments made through the Federal Bureau of Prisons' Inmate Financial Responsibility Program, are made to the Clerk of the Court.

The defendant shall receive credit for all payments previously made toward any criminal monetary penalties imposed. Payments shall be applied in the following order: (1) assessment (2) restitution principal (3) restitution interest (4) fine principal (5) fine interest (6) community restitution (7) penalties and (8) costs, including cost of prosecution and court costs.

Nothing in the court's order shall prohibit the collection of any judgment, fine, or special assessment by the United States.

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I COURT FINDINGS ON PRESENTENCE INVESTIGATION REPORT

- A. ☐ The court adopts the presentence investigation report without change.
- B. ☒ The court adopts the presentence investigation report with the following changes.
(Check all that apply and specify court determination, findings, or comments, referencing paragraph numbers in the presentence report, if applicable.)
(Use page 4 if necessary.)
1. ☐ Chapter Two of the U.S.S.G. Manual determinations by court (including changes to base offense level or specific offense characteristics):
 2. ☒ Chapter Three of the U.S.S.G. Manual adjustment determinations by court (including changes to victim-related adjustments, role in the offense, obstruction of justice, multiple counts, or acceptance of responsibility):
The court applied a 3-level reduction for acceptance of responsibility, pursuant to U.S.S.G. § 3E1.1.
 3. ☐ Chapter Four of the U.S.S.G. Manual determinations by court (including changes to criminal history category or scores, career offender, or criminal livelihood determinations):
 4. ☐ Additional Comments or Findings (including comments or factual findings concerning certain information in the presentence report that the Federal Bureau of Prisons may rely on when it makes inmate classification, designation, or programming decisions. Specify court comments or findings, including paragraphs in the presentence report.)
- C. ☐ The record establishes no need for a presentence investigation report pursuant to Fed.R.Crim.P.32.

II COURT FINDING ON MANDATORY MINIMUM SENTENCE (Check all that apply.)

- A. ☒ No count of conviction carries a mandatory minimum sentence.
- B. ☐ Mandatory minimum sentence imposed.
- C. ☐ One or more counts of conviction alleged in the indictment carry a mandatory minimum term of imprisonment, but the sentence imposed is below a mandatory minimum term because the court has determined that the mandatory minimum does not apply based on
- ☐ findings of fact in this case
 - ☐ substantial assistance (18 U.S.C. § 3553(e))
 - ☐ the statutory safety valve (18 U.S.C. § 3553(f))

III COURT DETERMINATION OF ADVISORY GUIDELINE RANGE (BEFORE DEPARTURES):

Total Offense Level: 18
Criminal History: 1
Imprisonment Range: 27 to 33 months
Supervised Release: 1 to 3 years
Fine Range: \$6,000.00 to \$60,000.00
☒ Fine waived or below the guideline range because of inability to pay.

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IV ADVISORY GUIDELINE SENTENCING DETERMINATION (Check only one.)

- A. ☐ The sentence is within an advisory guideline range that is not greater than 24 months, and the court finds no reason to depart.
 B. ☐ The sentence is within an advisory guideline range that is greater than 24 months, and the specific sentence is imposed for these reasons. (Use page 4 if necessary.)
 C. ☐ The court departs from the advisory guideline range for reasons authorized by the sentencing guidelines manual. (Also complete Section V.)
 D. ☒ The court imposed a sentence outside the advisory sentencing guideline system. (Also complete Section VI.)

V DEPARTURES AUTHORIZED BY THE ADVISORY SENTENCING GUIDELINES (If applicable.)

A. The sentence imposed departs (Check only one.):

- ☐ below the advisory guideline range
☐ above the advisory guideline range

B. Departure based on (Check all that apply.):

1 Plea Agreement (Check all that apply and check reason(s) below.):

- ☐ 5K1.1 plea agreement based on the defendant's substantial assistance
☐ 5K3.1 plea agreement based on Early Disposition or "Fast-track" Program
☐ binding plea agreement for departure accepted by the court
☐ plea agreement for departure, which the court finds to be reasonable
☐ plea agreement that states that the government will not oppose a defense departure motion

2 Motion Not Addressed in a Plea Agreement (Check all that apply and check reason(s) below.):

- ☐ 5K1.1 government motion based on the defendant's substantial assistance
☐ 5K3.1 government motion based on Early Disposition or "Fast-track" Program
☐ government motion for departure
☐ defense motion for departure to which the government did not object
☐ defense motion for departure to which the government objected

3 Other

- ☐ Other than a plea agreement or motion by the parties for departure (Check reason(s) below.):

C. Reason(s) for Departure (Check all that apply other than 5K1.1 or 5K3.1)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> 4A1.3 Criminal History In Adequacy | <input type="checkbox"/> 5K2.1 Death | <input type="checkbox"/> 5K2.11 Lesser Harm |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 5H1.1 Age | <input type="checkbox"/> 5K2.2 Physical Injury | <input type="checkbox"/> 5K2.12 Coercion and Duress |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 5H1.2 Education and Vocational Skills | <input type="checkbox"/> 5K2.3 Extreme Psychological Injury | <input type="checkbox"/> 5K2.13 Diminished Capacity |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 5H1.3 Mental and Emotional Condition | <input type="checkbox"/> 5K2.4 Abduction or Unlawful Restraint | <input type="checkbox"/> 5K2.14 Public Welfare |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 5H1.4 Physical Condition | <input type="checkbox"/> 5K2.5 Property Damage or Loss | <input type="checkbox"/> 5K2.16 Voluntary Disclosure of Offense |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 5H1.5 Employment Record | <input type="checkbox"/> 5K2.6 Weapon or Dangerous Weapon | <input type="checkbox"/> 5K2.17 High-Capacity Semiautomatic Weapon |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 5H1.6 Family Ties and Responsibilities | <input type="checkbox"/> 5K2.7 Disruption of Government Function | <input type="checkbox"/> 5K2.18 Violent Street Gang |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 5H1.11 Military Record, Charitable Services, Good Works | <input type="checkbox"/> 5K2.8 Extreme Conduct | <input type="checkbox"/> 5K2.20 Aberrant Behavior |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 5K2.0 Aggravating or Mitigating Circumstances | <input type="checkbox"/> 5K2.9 Criminal Purpose | <input type="checkbox"/> 5K2.21 Dismissed and Uncharged Conduct |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> 5K2.10 Victim's Conduct | <input type="checkbox"/> 5K2.22 Age or Health of Sex Offenders |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> 5K3.1 Early Disposition, "fast-track" Program |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> 5K2.23 Discharged Terms of Imprisonment |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> Other guideline basis (e.g., 2B1.1 commentary) |

D. Explain the facts justifying the departure. (Use page 4 if necessary.)

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VI COURT DETERMINATION FOR SENTENCE OUTSIDE THE ADVISORY GUIDELINE SYSTEM

(Check all that apply.)

A. The sentence imposed is (Check only one.):

- ☒ below the advisory guideline range
☐ above the advisory guideline range

B. Sentence imposed pursuant to (Check all that apply.):

1 Plea Agreement (Check all that apply and check reason(s) below.):

- ☐ binding plea agreement for a sentence outside the advisory guideline system accepted by the court
☐ plea agreement for a sentence outside the advisory guideline system, which the court finds to be reasonable
☐ plea agreement that states that the government will not oppose a defense motion to the court to sentence outside the advisory guideline system

2 Motion Not Addressed in a Plea Agreement (Check all that apply and check reason(s) below.):

- ☐ government motion for a sentence outside of the advisory guideline system
☐ defense motion for a sentence outside of the advisory guideline system to which the government did not object.
☐ defense motion for a sentence outside of the advisory guideline system to which the government objected

3 Other

- ☒ Other than a plea agreement or motion by the parties for a sentence outside of the advisory guideline system (Check reason(s) below.):

C. Reason(s) for Sentence Outside the Advisory Guideline System (Check all that apply.)

- ☒ the nature and circumstances of the offense and the history and characteristics of the defendant pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3553(a)(1)
☒ to reflect the seriousness of the offense, to promote respect for the law, and to provide just punishment for the offense (18 U.S.C § 3553(a)(2)(A))
☒ to afford adequate deterrence to criminal conduct (18 U.S.C § 3553(a)(2)(B))
☐ to protect the public from further crimes of the defendant (18 U.S.C § 3553(a)(2)(c))
☒ to provide the defendant with needed educational or vocational training, medical care, or other correctional treatment in the most effective manner (18 U.S.C § 3553(a)(2)(D))
☒ to avoid unwarranted sentencing disparities among defendants (18 U.S.C § 3553(a)(6))
☐ to provide restitution to any victims of the offense (18 U.S.C § 3553(a)(7))

D. Explain the facts justifying a sentence outside the advisory guideline system. (Use page 4 if necessary.)

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VII COURT DETERMINATIONS OF RESTITUTION

- A. ☐ Restitution not applicable.
- B. Total Amount of Restitution: \$31,375.55
- C. Restitution not ordered (Check only one.):
1. ☐ For offenses for which restitution is otherwise mandatory under 18 U.S.C. § 3663A, restitution is not ordered because the number of identifiable victims is so large as to make restitution impracticable under 18 U.S.C. § 3663A(c)(3)(A).
 2. ☐ For offenses for which restitution is otherwise mandatory under 18 U.S.C. § 3663A, restitution is not ordered because determining complex issues of fact and relating them to the cause or amount of the victims' losses would complicate or prolong the sentencing process to a degree that the need to provide restitution to any victim would be outweighed by the burden on the sentencing process under 18 U.S.C. § 3663A(c)(3)(B).
 3. ☐ For other offenses for which restitution is authorized under 18 U.S.C. § 3663 and/or required by the sentencing guidelines, restitution is not ordered because the complication and prolongation of the sentencing process resulting from the fashioning of a restitution order outweigh the need to provide restitution to any victims under 18 U.S.C. § 3663(a)(1)(B)(ii).
 4. ☐ Restitution is not ordered for other reasons:
- D. ☐ Partial restitution is ordered under 18 U.S.C. § 3553(c) for these reasons:

VIII ADDITIONAL FACTS JUSTIFYING THE SENTENCE IN THIS CASE (If applicable.)

The sentence is imposed for the reasons stated from the Bench, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3553, with the advisory guidelines being one factor the Court took into account in the Section 3553 analysis.

Sections I, II, III, IV, and VII of the Statement of Reasons form must be completed in all felony cases.
Date of Imposition of Judgment: October 2, 2015